

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Regular Session Minutes
July 22, 2019
6:30pm**

Selectboard Members Present: Jeff Neipp, Lance Fritz, Bill Glabach

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Nik Adamski, Katherine Dimatteo, Bob Ryan, Brian Pelletier, Colby James, Malik Johnson, Zachary DeLuca reporter from the Greenfield Recorder Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 pm

Minutes

Selectboard members reviewed the mail, meeting minutes and signed warrant.

Motion: Lance moved to accept the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes as printed. Unanimous.

STM Discussion

Discussed with moderator that selectboard will move \$790,103.00 and not what was printed on warrant as this is a new updated figure from the PVRSD treasurer. Also discussed whether to add the capital budget amount to this amount as capital was already voted on at annual town meeting. Bill expressed concern as well as moderator not to revote the capital amount as this would be appropriating double the amount. Lance mentioned current District agreement spells out how to vote operating and capital amounts. All in favor of not revoting capital amount.

Motion: Jeff moved to recess at 6:50pm for STM. Unanimous.

Reconvened meeting at 8:00pm

Discussion

Bob Ryan MLP Manager presented 2 estimates and 3 designs for the broadband hut.

Motion: Lance moved the MLP Mgr. may spend up to \$85,204.00 to make the broadband hut look like a sugar house as previously discussed. Unanimous.

Further discussion: Bob stated Verizon has to still move wires. Full construction could start in September and drops could start around town by Dec. 2019. Westfield Gas and Electric will be the project manager.

Fire Dept.-Brian Pelletier presented Colby James to the board as a new on call volunteer fire dept. member. After discussion with Colby Jeff moved to hire Colby as long as he passes a CORI check. He will also have a 6 month probationary period. Unanimous.

Brian would like to consider acquiring Warwick's former fire truck a 1996 KME AWD fire engine. Bill stated if we are going to acquire another truck we need to get rid of one. He would like us to only have 3 fire vehicles not four. Jeff stated to have Raymond Repair go over the 1996 KME truck from end to end to see if ok to obtain. If ok the plan is to get rid of Engine #1 and squad truck.

Brian stated he also specked out turn out gear for 5 fire fighters for \$11,000.00.

Municipal Assistant Update:

MADEP letter-Michele stated we need to write a letter to respond to the question from DEP as to what PRES will be repurposed as for future water quality testing.

Motion: Jeff moved for Michele to write the letter, he will sign. Unanimous.

Motion: Jeff moved to reappoint Mary Lou Barton to the Rec. Comm. Unanimous.

Avery field-discussed letter from John Higgins Rec. Comm. Chair in regards to the highway dept. flattening an area for a public bocce court.

Motion: Jeff moved to have the highway dept. maintain an area for the bocce court as well as maintain the driveway that goes to Avery field. Unanimous.

Adjournment:

Motion: Jeff moved to adjourn at 9:10pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso

